

Points of Pride

Farmington Public Schools is a great place to work and learn. We are continually moving forward, growing and improving. Here are just some of our points of pride:



District Mission Statement

Farmington Public Schools, together with our community, will engage every student in a quality learning experience, empowering each student to become a thoughtful, contributing citizen in a changing world.

DISTRICT

- *Farmington Public Schools is one of 388 school districts in the nation being honored by the College Board with a place on its AP[®] Achievement List* for opening AP classroom doors to a significantly broader pool of students, while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher.
- The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) for the 15th year in a row awarded the **Meritorious Budget Award** for Excellence in the preparation and issuance of school system annual budget to Farmington Public Schools. The District has also earned ASBO's **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting** for the past 14 years.
- All schools are fully accredited by AdvancED (formerly North Central Association of Colleges and Schools). Alameda Early Childhood Center and Farmington Community School are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
- The *District earned District Accreditation status* by AdvancED. The District was measured against seven standards for quality systems that reflect research and best practice, not just in education, but in organizational excellence in general. The District earned a Highly Functional - the highest rating - in five of the seven categories and Operational in the other two, which is the second highest rating.
- In an attempt to respond to the linguistic and educational needs of newly arrived immigrants to the District, the District operates elementary, upper elementary, middle school and high school **New-comer Centers** that provide a supportive transitional environment intended to help students acquire communicative English language skills.
- The District is a member of the national Minority Student Achievement Network (MSAN) which focuses on **raising achievement** and **closing achievement gaps**.
- The District serves families who represent more than **102 languages**.
- Due to the strong support of the community *passing two millage proposals in the past 15 years, students learn in state of the art educational spaces and outdoor athletic/music facilities*.
- *All three high schools were named to Newsweek's top 1,000 public high schools* in the country.
- Seven Farmington Public Schools have been named **Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools** with three also being named **National Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools**.
- The District continues to practice and investigate sustainable measures which has **saved almost \$6.8 million in energy costs** during the last five years.
- Sixteen schools in the District have student-led green teams; eight of which have been certified as **Michigan Green Schools**.
- The District offers a wide variety of **summer learning opportunities** for students.
- The District **provides free all-day kindergarten** for families.
- The District has started an **International Baccalaureate (IB) program** with more than 100 students enrolled in the freshman class at Harrison High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

STAFF

- The District is home to **two Milken National Educator Teacher award winners**.
- **More than 85 percent** of Farmington teachers hold **advanced degrees**.
- Since 1989, 20 FPS teachers have been named **Oakland County Outstanding Teachers of the Year** and nine FPS support staff personnel have been named **Oakland County's Betty Campion Support Persons of the Year**.

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District Vision Statement

The vision of Farmington Public Schools is high achievement by all students, where learning is our most important work. We are a District in which:

- Students, teachers, parents, community members, support staff, and administrators work collaboratively to create a positive learning environment to ensure all students are successful, competent and productive.
- Teachers hold high expectations for all students.
- We rely on our diversity of thought, perspective and people to build on our strengths.
- All students and staff feel empowered and supported.
- Teachers use best practice in every classroom to engage each child.
- Each school provides a safe, caring and nurturing environment for students, staff and parents that enables every child to experience the joy of learning.
- Decisions are based on data and quality information.



STUDENTS

- **Farmington** students consistently **score above state and national averages** on the American College Test (ACT), Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP).
- Approximately **798 students took Advanced Placement exams and 72 percent qualified for college credit on at least one exam** in 2010 - 2011. This ultimately saves hundreds of dollars of college tuition for families.
- The three comprehensive high schools' **musical groups** annually compete and **win state and national honors**.
- In 2011, FPS graduated 933 students; approximately **97 percent went on to a four-year university, community college or technical school**.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in a **wide variety of athletics**. Many of the teams have earned **divisional, regional and state championship titles**.
- Students from around the District **excel in State and National competitions** like Word-Masters, PTA Reflections and Math Pentathlon.
- Students regularly earn honors as **AP Scholars, All State Academic winners** and **National Merit Award winners**.
- High school students can participate in the District's student-run television studio, **TV-10**, which just celebrated 29 years of operation.

COMMUNITY

- **Involved and supportive parents** is a strength of Farmington Public Schools. Parents are involved in their schools and participate in PTAs/PTSAs, booster groups, the Farmington African American Parent Network (FAAPN), Proud Dads Club and other parent groups.
- For the past three years, the Farmington Area PTA Council has been honored with the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association (MPTSA) **Most Business and Professional Memberships Award**.
- Since 1996, the City of Farmington Hills, in partnership with the City of Farmington, Farmington Public Schools and the Farmington Family YMCA, has operated **After School Youth Centers** which have supported more than 8,000 students between the ages of nine through 15.
- The Farmington Family YMCA offers **before and after school care** for students at each of the District's elementary and upper elementary school sites.
- **The City of Farmington Hills consistently ranks among the safest cities in the nation**. Recent data revealed that Farmington Hills ranked as the 30th safest city in the nation and the second safest city in Michigan.

Our Desired Culture

- Everything we do is focused on learning
- We are all accountable for our students' success
- We all engage in continuous learning, collaboration and personal growth
- We respect and care for students and each other
- We are inclusive and respect everyone
- We foster innovation, creativity and risk taking
- We reward and recognize what we value
- We model civility in our language and actions

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